

1015 D Street (Commercial Building)
(Price is Right Store; New Life Yogurt Store)
Washington
District of Columbia

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STATE District of Columbia	COUNTY	TOWN OR VICINITY Washington
HISTORIC NAME OF STRUCTURE (INCLUDE SOURCE FOR NAME) 1015 D Street (Commercial Building)		HABS NO. DC-492
SECONDARY OR COMMON NAMES OF STRUCTURE Price is Right Souvenirs/New Life Yogurt		
COMPLETE ADDRESS (DESCRIBE LOCATION FOR RURAL SITES) 1015 D Street. N.W./401 Eleventh Street, N.W., Washington, D.C., Square 348, Lot 805.		
DATE OF CONSTRUCTION (INCLUDE SOURCE) c. 1853 (See attached)	ARCHITECT(S) (INCLUDE SOURCE) unknown	
SIGNIFICANCE (ARCHITECTURAL AND HISTORICAL, INCLUDE ORIGINAL USE OF STRUCTURE) Located on a prominent corner in the Pennsylvania Avenue Historic District, this structure represents the early commercial development along the avenue in the mid-19th Century. forms a strong corner anchor to two cohesive rows of Nineteenth Century structures. The structure is first recorded as housing an 'oyster saloon' in Boyd's Directory-1871		
STYLE (IF APPROPRIATE)		
MATERIAL OF CONSTRUCTION (INCLUDE STRUCTURAL SYSTEMS) 1015 D Street/401 Eleventh Street is a brick structure with bearing walls and wooden floor joists. Facing material is of brick and limestone.		
SHAPE AND DIMENSIONS OF STRUCTURE (SKETCHED FLOOR PLANS ON SEPARATE PAGES ARE ACCEPTABLE) Rectangular in shape, the building measures 25' x 75'. It is three stories tall and has three bays on D Street and five on Eleventh Street. (See interior features).		
EXTERIOR FEATURES OF NOTE Located on a corner lot, 1015 D Street is three stories tall with three bays fronting D Street and six bays on Eleventh Street. At street level the brick facade has been covered with a wood storefront. Show windows wrap the entire building, and the double steel and glass doors are located in a chamfered corner. (see attached sheet).		
INTERIOR FEATURES OF NOTE (DESCRIBE FLOOR PLANS, IF NOT SKETCHED) The basement is a low ceilinged open space with structural piers dividing the space. small room exists in the south east portion of the basement and the staircase is located along the north wall. The portion of the first floor containing the (see attached sheet)		
MAJOR ALTERATIONS AND ADDITIONS WITH DATES Building Permits cited include the following: (see attached sheet).		
PRESENT CONDITION AND USE 1015 D Street has been vacant since late 1980. 401 D Street is the location (see attached sheet)		
OTHER INFORMATION AS APPROPRIATE See also DC-493 (SQUARE 348) for additional information.		
SOURCES OF INFORMATION (INCLUDE LISTING ON NATIONAL REGISTER, STATE REGISTERS, ETC.) District of Columbia Recorder of Deeds; D.C. General Assessment Records, D.C. Tax Records; National Archives; Polk's Directory of D.C., Martin Luther King Library, Washingtonian Room, Washington; Baist's Atlas, Martin Luther King Library; D.C. Building Permits.		
COMPILER, AFFILIATION W.F. Hunter, Pennsylvania Avenue Development Corporation		DATE February 1981

Date of Construction

Due to construction of this structure prior to 1870, there are no original building permits to verify exact dating. The District of Columbia Tax Records show a marked increase in improvement value in 1853 (1844-lot \$2059 improvements \$3000; 1853-lot-\$2808 improvements \$8000). This improvement value is noted in red, which usually indicates new construction. The value remains constant until after 1886, when value begins to decrease, after which there are no permits for construction of a new building.

Exterior Features of Note (cont'd)

The secondary entrance on Eleventh Street is also of steel and glass. There is a molded metal cornice on the storefront. On the Eleventh Street facade, a rectangular awning extends the width of the store located here. On the D Street facade, second story windows have projecting bracketed stone hoods and stone sills. Windows are four-over-four double-hung sash. Third story windows have slightly projecting flat stone arches with label stops and stone sills. Windows are again four-over-four double-hung sash. Eleventh Street facade windows are identical to the third story windows on the D Street facade. The two southern (right) windows are centered in the first three bays of the facade with the remaining three evenly spaced across the other half of the facade. A small round-head arched window is centered between the two most northern second story windows on this facade. Above third story windows on both facades is a double string course with rectangular recessed panels on the D Street facade. Also on the D Street facade is a tall parapet wall with limestone molding. The top molding drops at the corner of the building and continues along the roofline of the Eleventh Street facade. Quoins are visible on the Eleventh Street facade at the southern corner of the building. A metal fire escape is located on the D Street facade.

Interior Features of Note (cont'd)

Price Is Right Souvenir shop is an open rectangular space with shelves lining all walls and a service counter is located at the southeast, principle entrance. The small exterior vestibule has a mosaic tile floor. The first floor of the New Life Yogurt shop (401 Eleventh Street) is an open rectangular space with food service counters along the north wall. Entry to upper floors is gained through an offset left entrance on Eleventh Street. Both third and second floors are open rooms with a restroom on the second floor, northeast corner.

Major Alterations With Dates (cont'd)

- 10/13/87 #930 - build iron stairway on west end of building four feet wide leading from the sidewalk to the second floor.
- 12/ 4/87 #719 - build showcase.
- 7/10/91 #63 - build bay window projection; build three story addition, 25' x 66' with projection, Architect Robert Fleming. (This addition is the present 401 Eleventh Street).
- 2/3/05 #1548 - remove show window and erect one show window with entrance at end; remove window on Eleventh Street and make into door opening, close opening at rear of store. (There is a letter attached to permit about removal of the show window and balconey, but no mention of where the balconey is).
- 8/11/05 #403 - repair windows and doors, stairway and other work damaged by fire; contractor Badin.
- 4/16/06 #1901 - build two show windows, remove wood work over area and reinforce with cement.

Major Alterations with Dates (cont'd)

- 12/2/08 #2130 -return stairs to original condition.
4/26/09 #3993 - cut out portion of west wall (10' x 6') substituting steel lintel to carry pier (drawing exists in the National Archives attached to the permit).
3/2/11 #3785 - tile floor on first floor, build toilet room in rear, show windows Pennsylvania Avenue and Eleventh Street. (drawing exists in the National Archives attached to the permit.)
11/15/17 #1511 - take out greater part of first story front walls and support upper walls on steel firders, remove interior layout, install new front of marble, metal and glass.
3/1/35 #177840- remove double door and replace with plate glass and marble base under present overhead transom projection and replace glass in center bay; Architect G. Weber, Contractor E.G. Contracting, Inc., Brooklyn.

Present Condition and Use (cont'd)
of the New Life Yogurt shop.

The building shows few signs of extreme deterioration on the exterior.